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Thanks

- .. To those parents who assisted with the Room 6 Caving Trip.
- .. To those parents who dropped by with their thoughts on classes for next year.
- .. To Yvette Biddle for her dedicated work in the school canteen this year.
- .. To those parents (and children) who supported our recent chocolate fundraiser.
- .. To Maree Clements who will assist in the evaluation of art portfolios.

People of the Week

- .. Georgia Sissons for helping her brother Jacob to settle into school.
- .. The Matarau School children who participated in the Junior Golf Tournament at the Weekend, with Jackson Arkle and Kate Woffindin winning a junior membership & Elliot Woffindin taking home a new glove.
- .. Brooke Laird, who has won the RD1 Calf Club colouring-in competition for her age group.
- .. Those children who have put their names forward for our spelling bee competition or for our art scholarship - we recognise that this has meant an extra workload for you.

Out of Zone Enrolments 2010

We will shortly be announcing a limited number of placements for out of zone students for next year. If you know of any parents of students not residing within our zone who are interested in a placement at this school, please ask them to **contact our school office within the next 2 weeks**. Although these students may need to be balloted in, there is a **good prospect at this stage of some placements**. The Board has determined that **we have enough year 7 and 8 students for 3 intermediate level classes** next year and so this is especially exciting. Even with a small out of zone 'top up' these students will benefit from excellent teaching programmes and **class numbers around 30% lower than urban schools**. This means **more personalised learning** and a **great deal more teacher time for YOUR child** - so .. if you know of anybody with a year 7 or 8 student wanting an excellent preparation for secondary school please ask them to give our office a call.

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Term 4 Calendar

25 November	-	Year 7 and 8 Beach Volley Ball
26 November	-	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	-	Year 5 and 6 Kiwi Cricket
1 December	-	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Championships
3 December	-	Juniors - theatre production at Forum North
8-11 December	-	Room 6 camp
11 December	-	Reports to parents
14 December	-	Team Athletics Day (pp 16.12)
15 December	-	Prize Giving
17 December	-	Final day (mid-day finish)

Start Date for 2010

School will recommence on 3rd February 2010. Term 1 2010 finishes 1 April.

Classes for 2010

Class lists will be displayed on the hall notice board on 11 December.

Prizegiving

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 15th December free for our annual prize giving. This evening will start 6.00pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper. Grandparents are welcome.

Cups and Trophies

Thank you to those who have returned their prize giving cups. For those who have not yet returned their cups, could you please ensure these are returned by Monday 23 November. THIS IS NOW URGENT. Thank you.



Year 8 Leaving Books

You may be aware that it is customary for our board to present departing year 8 students with a leaving book. This week year 8 students received a book voucher which is redeemable at most book stores. Children are asked to have their leaving books at school by 4 December please. Thank you parents for assisting with this.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to those children who will represent their class at our 2010 Spelling Bee. Finals will be held over the next week or two. We will keep you posted.

Mary Wallace Art Scholarships

Thank you to those children who have submitted their art portfolios for evaluation - and also to parents who assisted in the preparation of displaying the artworks. These will be judged next week by a panel consisting of two teachers and a local artist. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the end of year prize giving.

Interschool Athletics Tournament (year 7 and 8) - 1 December

Congratulations to those children who have been selected to represent our school at this tournament. We are somewhat short of transport and so, if you can help, please give Scotty a call on Monday. Any questions please don't hesitate to give Mr D a call. Please ensure consents have been returned to school.

Library Books

The library will be closed for borrowing from Monday. If you have any books at home please return them asap so we can begin our annual stocktake procedures.

Home Garden

Garden diaries need to be completed and handed in to the office by Monday 30th November. Gardens will be judged on Wednesday 2 December, and possibly the morning of Thursday 3 December. Parents received a "Consent to Visit" form this week. Please note that this must be returned to school early next week if you wish judges to visit your child's garden. Please assist judges to locate your child's garden by giving detailed directions and also note the conditions attached to the visit. Any questions don't hesitate to give us a call.

Council / PTA end of year disco - Years 4 to 8

.. will be held at the school hall 6:30 to 9:30 Friday 4 December. Thanks to our PTA for supporting again. Children will be asked to bring along a plate and a gold coin to help pay for the D.J.

After School Care

A reminder to return the information sheet sent home a couple of weeks back if ..

.. you would be willing to use an upgraded, approved and subsidised After School Care Programme in 2010

.. you are interested in owning an ASC franchise in this area

Further forms are available from the school office if you have misplaced the one sent earlier. More information is available on this programme and on franchise opportunities at www.skids.co.nz

Outstanding School Contributions

Invoices were sent home this week. While the school contribution is entirely voluntary (although strongly encouraged), there are certain other legitimate fees which meet the cost of materials or experiences which come outside the regular curriculum. This includes Technology material fees and most non-compulsory outdoor education activities. Out of fairness to other families parents owing such amounts are asked to settle as soon as possible. As always we are flexible and accommodating with time payment arrangements.

School T-Shirts

School T-Shirts are for sale at the office. Sizes smaller than 12 cost \$20. Size 14 and up are \$23 each.

Please note, the supply of 'borrow' t-shirts is very limited and where school events require children to wear a school t-shirt there is no guarantee a shirt will be available for your child. If your child has borrowed a t-shirt please return immediately.

Polar Fleece are also for sale - \$33 for sizes 4-8 and \$38 for 10 and up. School hats are \$7.50 each.

Wednesday Sausage Sizzles

.. There will be no more Sausage Sizzles this year, due to commitments by the Senior School. Thanks from the senior school for assisting this fundraising effort. The Tuesday canteen will continue for another couple of weeks & PTA Friday lunches will run until the end of the year.

Community Notices

Bulls for sale - 2yr old Hereford. Easily handled. Suitable for life-style block or farm. Phone Tim 0273089216 or 4346633.

Cleaner Required - on Friday for 2 hours. Pipiwai Rd area. Please phone Talia 4350907 or 0210637405.

Whangarei A&P Show - 5&6th December. Entries Close 20 November. Entry forms held at the office. Also held at the office are entries forms for the Childrens Pet Competition.

Whangarei Choral Society - Presents Handel Messiah, St Francis Xavier Church, Sunday 22 November at 2.30pm. Admission by programme \$20, Superannuitants \$15 and Children \$5.

Nothing over \$5 Shop - An opportunity of donating to the school has arisen when purchasing from this shop. If parents and children mention Matarau School, a donation of \$10 will be received for accumulating \$100 worth of purchases.

National Jandal Day - Support Life Saving Day 4th Dec 2009. For more info jandalday@surflifesaving.org.nz.

For Sale - 2x110cc motorbikes for sale. 2008 KLV 110 and 2005 Suzuki 110. Ring Rob/Sheryl 4350442

Kamo Amateur Swimming Club - Stroke Improvement starts tonight, come along at 4.30pm to Kamo High School pool, thereafter Monday & Friday afternoons. Contact Sue Mehrtens for more details 433 5606.

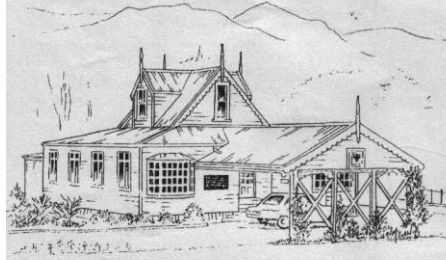
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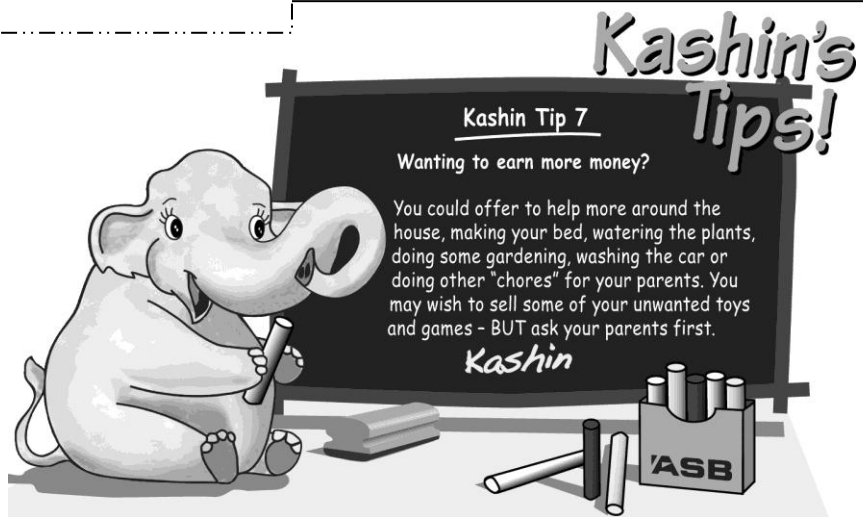


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